

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
January 17, 2008

**MINUTES**

***“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”***

**Meeting Held at:**

Balboa Park Recital Hall  
2130 Pan America Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Mailing Address is:**

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Director  
202 C Street, MS 37C  
San Diego, California 92101

**Members Present**

Ginny Barnes, Chair  
Michael Stepner, Vice Chair  
Bruce Brown  
Rick Bussell  
Vicki Granowitz  
Norman Greene  
Roz King

**Members Absent**

Dan Mazzella  
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds  
Evonne Schulze  
Wilbur Smith

**City Staff Present**

Stacey LoMedico  
Kathleen Hasenauer  
Kim Davies  
Brian Schoenfisch  
Charles Daniels  
Jo-Ann Novak

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Area Committee Community Parks I – No Report.

Area Committee Community Parks II – Ms. King

- Ms. LoMedico addressed questions from the Recreation Council.
- Tierrasanta Recreation Center issues regarding electricity for the Sprint communication has been resolved.
- Chollas Lake Community Park reported that the numerous trees surrounding the lake are causing the low water threshold.
- Concerns about City-owned property being used as a park, but not being maintained as a park has been resolved.
- New elections for most of the recreation councils will be taking place in the near future.

Balboa Park Committee – Ms. Granowitz

- Committee approved the changes to the alcohol policy.
- Received an informational report on the mobility plan for the Uptown Community Planning Area.
- Turn down a special event application from the Lions Club due to moratorium period.

Design Review Committee – No Report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Brown

- Meeting tonight (1/17/08) at 7:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park – No Report

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Greene

- Approved proposed text for replacement of Cowles Mountain Monument.
- Discussion on language of Mission Trails Regional Park Master Development Plan revisions for Mission Gorge area to use language that will maintain a balance between public park use verses environmental use by wild animals and plants.
- The Old Mission Dam Project filtration has been completed. Unfortunately, no State funds are available for mitigation. Staff is in the process of locating additional funding for the mitigation.
- An emergency situation due to lack of water at Kumeyaay Lake is creating a breeding area for mosquitoes. This may be creating a potential health hazard due to mosquitoes that might be carrying the West Nile Virus.
- San Diego County Water Authority will shut off the water for 14 days to repair a 24-foot section of one of the three water pipes at Mission Trails Regional Park. Work may be completed by the end of February.
- Mission Trails Antenna Fund reported a \$657,000 balance.
- February 2, 2008 is Mission Trails Regional Park Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee – No Meeting

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2007 WITH REVISIONS**

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED            Mr. Brown/Mr. Greene**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Greene to approve the December 20, 2007 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell, and Ms. King, abstaining and Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze and Mr. Smith absent.

### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mr. Don Steele reported on a ground-breaking ceremony for a bicycle trail connecting at Hotel Circle and going down to Dog Beach. He reported that the Governor and the Mayor were at a public meeting held at Mission Trails Regional Park's Visitor Center. Discussion topics included, state budget and resources for fire prevention. Mr. Steele is pleased with the new appointments to Park and Recreation Department.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Ms. Barnes wished all a Happy New Year.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED            Mr. Brown/Ms. Puentes-Reynolds**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds to approve and support the letter to Mayor Jerry Sanders on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze and Mr. Smith absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director reported on the following:

- Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee appointed Mr. Greene as Board Member.
- The Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board will be established to serve in a advisory capacity to the Park and Recreation Board to provide input to the City on the General Development Plan, a comprehensive plan for the future development of Torrey Pines City Park.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed a copy of the 2007 Governor's Historic Preservation Award which was given to the City for the restoration of Balboa Park's Speckles Organ Pavilion.

**CONSENT** – Ms. Granowitz made a motion to move Item 102 to consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze and Mr. Smith absent.

**MOTION:      MOVED/SECONDED              Mr. Stepner/Mr. Brown**

A motion was made by Mr. Stepner and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Item 102 The Old Globe Theatre Campus General Development Plan. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze and Mr. Smith absent.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**101.      Linda Vista/Clairemont Mesa Open Space – Rezoning/Community Plan Amendment/Park Dedication**

Brian Schoenfisch, Senior Planner, City Planning and Community Investment Department presented a summary of the proposal of item 101: On January 8, 2007, the City Council initiated amendments to the Linda Vista and Clairemont Mesa Community Plans to adjust the Community Plan boundaries and designate the City-owned land as Open Space; initiate the rezoning of the City-owned land to an Open Space zone; and direct staff to prepare an ordinance that would dedicate in perpetuity the area designated/zoned Open Space as park land.

The City of San Diego is the applicant and, upon direction of the City Council, is proposing the following actions:

- Rezone 6.64 acres (City-owned) from RS-1-7 to OP-2-1.
- Dedicate 6.64 acres as park land.
- Dedicate an additional 7.03 acres (adjacent, City-owned land) as park land.

- Shift 6.64 acres from the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan to the Linda Vista Community Plan.
- Shift 0.93 acres (recently acquired by the Community College District) from the Linda Vista Community Plan to the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan.
- Re-designate 6.64 acres from School and Park/Open Space to Open Space.
- Re-designate 0.93 acres from Open Space to School.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Margarita Castro – Request land be dedicated as Open Space and encouraged a Park and Recreation Board Member to look at the site.

Ms. Gail M. Cole – Concerned that land was not dedicated to Telecote Canyon; removal of trees; no amendments to community plan.

Ms. Dixie L. Wilson – Concerned about losing this piece of property.

Mr. Wayne Bamford – Recommend approval of the park dedication with modifications that the Linda Vista and Clairemont Mesa Community Plans not be amended.

Ms. Donna Erickson – Concerns include: removal of trees, parking structure zoning and no amendments be made to Clairemont and Linda Vista Community Plans.

Mr. Don Steele – Stated this was a positive change to dedicate this property, area is part of Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and the City received a higher value for selling this disturb area. Trees are non native evasive; college is legally bound to do a restoration using plants that are native to this area. Receiving dedicated park land at minimal cost because of this project.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED            Mr. Green/Ms. King**

A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept this proposal, seconded by Ms. King to approve the motion. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell abstaining. Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze and Mr. Smith absent.

## **103    Proposed Changes to the Balboa Park 12 Hour Alcohol Ban**

Kathleen S. Hasenauer, Park and Recreation Deputy Director of Developed Regional Parks Division recommends amending San Diego Municipal Code 56.54, titled “Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Prohibited in Certain Areas,” to delete that portion of Balboa Park from the 12 Hour Ban and add that portion of Balboa Park to the 16 Hour Ban and limit alcohol consumption to nine designated lawn areas. The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership approves proposed changes to the Balboa Park 12 Hour Alcohol Ban. The Balboa Park Committee unanimously voted to amend the San Diego Municipal Code 56.54 to delete that portion of Balboa Park from the 12 Hour Ban and add that portion of Balboa Park to the 16 Hour Ban and limit alcohol consumption to nine designated lawn areas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Don Steele requested his name to be read in favor of Item 103.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED            Ms. Granowitz /Mr. Stepner**

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Stepner to approve Item 103. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Puentes-Reynolds, Ms. Schulze, and Mr. Smith absent.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** – None

**WORKSHOP**

Ms. Barnes distributed a list of potential agenda items for the February 21, 2008 Workshop for the Park and Recreation Board Members to rank items and return by January 25, 2008.

Park and Recreation Board Members recommended the following agenda items:

- Information on the Enterprise Fund
- Environmental Role as Board/Department
- The role of Philanthropy in our park systems
- Division Overviews

**STANDING UPDATES**

Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – Ms. LoMedico Park and Recreation Director reported that there are no updates to the Business Process Re-Engineering Recreation Programs or Park Maintenance.

**ADJORNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next Park and Recreation Board Meeting will be a Workshop:

**T hursday, February 21, 2008 2:00 p.m.**

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One Father Junipero Serra Trail  
San Diego, CA 92119

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico  
Park and Recreation Director